

## The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, 1880.

Sir

I beg leave to say that in order to comply with instructions contained in your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> inst, it will be necessary to adopt one of two systems, the first to have a standard size for the dies of each denomination, this in my opinion would be the only thorough one, so that a die made to standard would be fit for use in any of the Mints, Now scarcely any two mints use the same sized die, The system of standard sizes is becoming universal among machinists, and I think would work well in regard to dies, The next and only other way I can find, will be for the Comr of the Philadelphia Mint to order dies not less than three days in advance, this will be positively necessary, as it is impossible to place the numbers



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on the dies after they are hardened,

I am Very Respectfully  
Your Obedient Servant  
Chas. L. Barber.

Engraver

Wm A. Loudon, Snowden,

Superintendent



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Subject:

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At Philadelphia, Penn.,  
September 18, 1880

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I am very Respectfully,  
Your Obedient Servant  
Chas. E. Barber  
Engraver

Hon. A. Loudon Snowden,  
Superintendent